Criteria for cricket matches

1845. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria of allotting cricket test matches and one day Internationals to various cities in the country; and

(b) the efforts that are being made to encourage small cities by way of enhancing infrastructure like security, parks, civic amenities etc.?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) As per information received from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), test and One Day International matches are allotted to various cities as per rotation policy of the BCCI as adopted by Working Committee on 22.1.2001.

(b) BCCI extends financial assistance to state cricket associations for the development of infrastructural facilities.

National Service Scheme

1846. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any appraisal of functioning of "National Service Scheme" in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to extend the scheme to cover Secondary school and High school students?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An evaluation of the "National Service Scheme (NSS)' was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in 1996-97.

The major findings of the study centred around four main points-ideas, structure, issues related to grants and functions performed by various levels of the organization structure of NSS.